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(B) MEMO FROM SER/FM/RSD, AID/W DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 1973

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1. REF B REQUESTS EMBASSY DEOBLIGATE DOLS 44,169.71.
OUR RECORDS SHOW AMOUNT OUTSTANDING AS DOLS 31,615.30.

2. LIBREVILLE HAS 3 SELF-HELP FY 72 AND 2 SELF-HELP
73 PROJECTS WITH UNLIQUIDATED BALANCES. WE STRONGLY
URGE THAT TWO BE MAINTAINED.

3. OBLIGATION 2678010 PROVIDES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
SCIENCE LABORATORY IN ISOLATED SOUTHWEST GABON. OUR
FIGURES SHOW DOLS 5,828.37 REMAINING. PROJECT HAS GONE
WELL THUS FAR. COMPLETED BUILDING IS GOOD PIECE OF
WORKMANSHIP; HOWEVER WITHOUT EQUIPMENT IT IS PRACTICALLY
USELESS. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ORDERED EQUIPMENT FROM
EUROPE AND USA TO GET MOST FOR MONEY. UNFORTUNATELY
DISTANCE, SLOW REPLIES HAVE HELD UP DELIVERIES.

PROJECT, IF CANCELLED NOW, WOULD BE OBJECT OF RIDICULE
BY LOCAL CITIZENS AND SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO TWO

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MINISTERS WHO HAVE TAKEN GREAT INTEREST IN IT. SCHOOL
OFFICIALS ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE PROJECT

LIQUIDATED IN NEAR FUTURE AND HAVE ACTED IN GOOD FAITH
TO OBTAIN ITEMS AT CHEAPEST COST. BELIEVE UNFAIR TO
DEOBLIGATE ITS FUNDS.

4. NO. 2678020 PROVIDES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MAISON DES
ARTS. GOG HAS HAD DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING DESIRED LAND
FOR SITE. AMBASSADOR REQUESTED AND RECEIVED LETTER
FROM GOG IN AUGUST EXPLAINING REASON FOR DELAY AND
ASKING EMBASSY TO RETAIN FUNDS. PROJECT HAS INTEREST OF
PRESIDENT BONGO AND SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY END OF
YEAR.

5. NO. 2678030 PROVIDES FOR MEDICINES FOR MEASLE-SMALL
POX CAMPAIGN. OUR RECORDS SHOW DOLS 686.17 REMAINING
UNSPENT. THIS AMOUNT CAN BE DEOBLIGATED.

6. NO. 3678010 PROVIDES FOR DOLS 3,821.51 FOR SPORTS
EQUIPMENT. DOLS 52.35 REMAINING AND CAN BE DEOBLIGATED.

7. NOS. 378020 AND 378030 COMBINED SPORTS PROJECT
TOTALLING DOLS 6,351.61. DOLS 48.39 REMAINING CAN BE
DEOBLIGATED.COUNTRYMAN

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